

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of:** Orcutt**Docket No.:** WELL0036**Serial No. :** 10/699,552**Art Unit:** 3621**Filed:** October 30, 2003**Examiner:** Elisca, Pierre E.**Title:** Express Check Conversion

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**Declaration of prior invention to overcome cited patent or publication pursuant to
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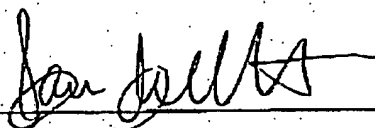
1. My name is Laura Lee Orcutt.
2. I have reviewed the following document cited by the Examiner: Phillips *et al* (US 2005/0091132 A1).
3. The claimed subject matter of my invention is not what is claimed in the above cited reference.
4. The earliest filing date of the above mentioned reference is October 27, 2003. The conception of the claimed subject matter of my invention occurred prior to the specified date of said reference and was coupled with due diligence from prior to said reference date to the filing of the above mentioned application.
5. In support of this, I have attached a copy of an email dated October 1, 2003, marked Exhibit A.

This email gives the attorney of record authority to file the patent application after three changes are made by the attorney of record.

6. The invention was reduced to practice on October 30, 2003, when the attorney of record filed the patent application.

7. The above supporting facts show the conception of my invention prior to the effective date of said reference coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to the filing of the above-cited application.

8. I herein acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of my application or any patent issuing thereon. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information or belief are believed to be true.



Laura Lee Orcutt,
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